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25X1 SATELLITES - NRO

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Memo to DCI from DDR on NRO Meeting w/McNamara, Gilpatric, Charyk, McCone, Scoville

25X1 ..."(c) I raised the question of the effort that should be placed on the truly ~~covert~~ satellite development. After some discussion it was agreed that if the studies for which [ ] has been budgeted indicated the desirability and feasibility of proceeding with a truly covert system, then this should be financed out of DOD emergency funds.

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#### IV. National Reconnaissance Program:

With the modifications discussed below, the proposed ~~National Recon~~ National Recon Program was approved by Mr. McCone and Secretary McNamara.

(a) Mr. McCone raised the question of the continuation of the ~~201~~ program.

25X1 Mr. McNamara indicated that he had approved the 3 addtl firings despite the cost of about [ ] as a reasonable hedge against a complete failure of the ~~J~~ program. After some discussion as to the need for this hedge, it was agreed that the 3 firings would be authorized on a stretched-out schedule with the understanding that this decision could be reviewed momentarily if the J program appeared more certain.